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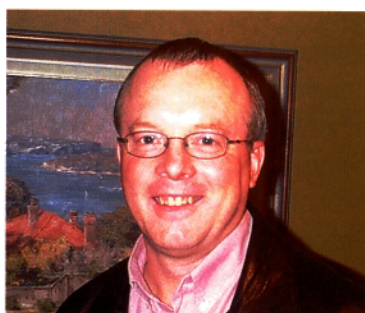
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## SPORTSMAN

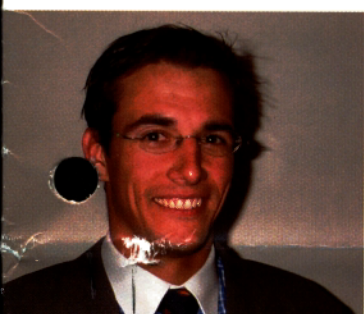
## OF THE YEAR



Glen Wilkinson



Simon Forsyth



Richard Jagger



Wally Meakes



Mick Gillis



Jock Murray

**T**he winner of the 2001 Sportsman of the Year award will be announced at the luncheon following the Annual General Meeting of Tattersalls on 30 May 2002. The winner will receive a perpetual trophy plus a \$500 voucher from Vince Maloney Gentleman's Outfitters, next to Tattersalls.

The standard of competition was very high, with the Committee spending a great amount of time finally selecting the winner. "The Committee had a very difficult task selecting the winner, considering the high level of achievement by all the contenders this year," remarked Secretary Tim Bowring.

There were six nominations received for the prestigious award.

<b>Snooker:</b>	Glen Wilkinson
<b>Skiing:</b>	Simon Forsyth
<b>Swimming:</b>	Richard Jagger
<b>Athletics:</b>	Wally Meakes
<b>Water Polo:</b>	Mick Gillis
<b>Golf:</b>	Jock Murray





# from the chairman



**The Annual General Meeting of Tattersalls Club will be held on Thursday, 30th May. We have decided to adopt last year's format and to provide a buffet lunch after the meeting for members attending.**

This year, we shall also announce and celebrate the award of the Tattersalls Sportsman of the Year to one of our own members nominated from the Clubs various sporting groups. To my mind, this is the most coveted prize any member of Tattersalls Club can hope to be awarded. It recognises excellence and sporting achievement of course, but most of all sportsmanship and the character of a Tattersalls Club man.

On occasions, you will be asked to produce your membership card as you enter the Club. The reason is to ensure the exclusivity of the Club and to prevent entry by non-members and, I am sorry to say, the occasional non-financial member who needs a reminder. Please do not be offended no matter how well you are known to George or the porters. More generally, the Committee has directed staff to remind members of the dress standards which are set out in our By-Laws. These permit a relaxed standard in keeping with the times: smart casual dress. Jeans, tee shirts and inappropriate footwear are not acceptable unless you confine yourself to the Athletic Department and enter and leave via the loading dock.

I really enjoyed the first of our Rugby lunches for the year, held in association with the Rugby Union Player's Association. Andrew Blades, Tiaan Strauss and irrepressible Bob Dwyer formed the panel just a day or two before the Waratahs - Brumbies match. In accordance with tradition this continued well into the evening.

Friday nights have also been popular in the Members' Bar with a large crowd enjoying the live Fox Sports broadcasts of Super 12 and Rugby League.

While on the subject, the news that Australia is to be the sole host of the 2003 Rugby World Cup is an exciting prospect for Sydney and Tattersalls Club. We can look forward to a repeat of the buzz of the Olympics and the British Lions Tour and shall offer the Club as home base

and entertainment venue for one of the competing nations. I shall keep you informed of our progress.

The membership drive, offering an entrance fee free period, expired on 30 April. It has been a great success. Already there are a lot of new faces in the Club and an increased demand on our facilities. To those new members whom I have not yet met, I extend to you a very warm welcome and offer you the advice that I received when I joined Tattersalls Club thirty years ago: get involved in everything you can... try out the various sporting and other groups who are keen to have you as a regular... introduce yourself to your fellow members in the bar and get to know the staff in the bistro or in the Athletic Department. Your new Club is an oasis in a sometimes soulless city and you will get so much more out of it as you make the lifetime friendships which are bound to form.

And to our members who use the Club daily, you can be sure that the Committee is aware that, at peak times, some parts of the Club are under some pressure. So far, we are managing pretty well and every effort will be made to extend such things as class times for early morning swim squads and the range of gym activities.

I have found myself dining in the Club more often over recent weeks. This is surely a sign of autumn if ever there was one. I continue to be impressed with the standard of cuisine generated by Simon and his staff who are all starting to hit their straps after three or four months managing the food and beverage operation. While acknowledging Guillaume's influence, Simon is to be congratulated on some of the finest and increasingly most innovative fare anywhere. What is more, it is equally good at the bar where the special bar menu is excellent value with house wines at the right price too. Well done!

**Russell Debney**





## secretary's report

The recent membership drive has been an outstanding success with over 150 new Members proposed this year. Many of these new Members are in the Under 30 category, and have also joined the Athletic Department. Thus the continued success of the club in sporting events should continue.

History returned to Tattersalls Club on Anzac Day with the 2/20th Battalion holding their after march luncheon at the club. Family members joined the diggers for their day long celebration. It is good to see the return of this style of function to our great club.

Following the Annual General Meeting on 30 May, Members are invited to join The Chairman and Committee for a light luncheon in Club Room 1.

**Tim Bowring**  
*Secretary*

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### Office Hours

8.30 am - 5 pm **Monday to Friday**

### Brasserie

7 am - 3.30 pm **Monday, Tuesday & Friday**  
(bar meals available in the evening)

7 am - 9.30 pm **Wednesday & Thursday**

### Bar and Billiard Room

Noon - 9 pm **Monday to Wednesday**

Noon - 10 pm **Thursday and Friday**

### Athletic Department

5.30 am - 9 pm **Monday to Friday**

6 am - 6 pm **Saturday**

Noon - 5 pm **Sunday**

**tattersalls** into the year 2002

## calendar of events

2002

### may

10th Black Tie Boxing  
16th Snooker Calcutta

### june

13th Wine Tasting  
28th Rugby Lunch guest speaker David Campese  
29th Rugby. Australia Vs France

### july

27th-3rd August Tattersalls Ski Week.  
Technology lodge, Perisher Blue

### august

2nd Bledisloe Cup Lunch  
3rd Bledisloe Cup. Member's Bar

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## Cut ten inches from the bottom of your coat

Some cluey V.M. customers think that the long, buttoned-up Winter overcoat is out-dated and cockeyed in Sydney's easy climate. Point taken.

Maybe.

This season, note two on-the-ball V.M. statements of the youthful finger-tip length Sydney-wise Winter coat.

(1) Italy's peppy raglan-sleeved, fly-fronted "car coat" in lush wool. 2002 vintage with pocket for mobile, \$800.

(2) Sinfully luxurious dark Italian leather version in same fingertip length. Young, sleek. \$1850.



Vince Maloney On-The-Park  
Next door to Tattersall's ph. 9264 8837



## tattersalls club

### Notice of Meeting

### THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of Tattersalls club will be held on Thursday 30th May 2002 at 12 noon in the dining room, level 3

Members are invited to join the Chairman and Committee for a light lunch in Club Room 1 following the meeting.

**T J Bowring**  
Secretary

## PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS

The following persons have been proposed for Membership

NAME	OCCUPATION	PROPOSER	SECONDER
BINSTED Paul Alexander	Investment Banker	E Solomon	P O'Connell
BOUTERIS James George	Real Estate	A Teale	R Glover
BOWMAN John Laurence	Solicitor	F Galanos	D De Souza
BRETAR Graham John	Project Manager	D Jolly	R Glover
COLLINS John Frederick	Solicitor	S Forsyth	R Glover
COONAN Adam Lloyd	Legal Practitioner	A Rogers	P Biscoe
CRONES George Bradley	Student	A Crones	R Glover
DAVIS Lloyd Anthony	Manager	R Glover	R Sanders
FINKELDE Colin Bruce	Broker	G Georg	J Gowran
GALLAGHER Michael	Public Servant	R Jagger	A Pope
HEDLEFS Gregory John	Management Consultant	D Jolly	R Sanders
HOWARD Thomas Gregory	Barrister	M O'Dea	R Colquhoun
HUGHES Craig John	Financial Adviser	R Glover	R Sanders
LEPORE Anthony John	Accountant	G Ioppolo	G Willis
LINGARD Thomas Ashton	Financer	R Glover	R Sanders
MACKENZIE Jeremy Terence	Solicitor	G Davidson	R Sanders
MANN Angus Malcolm	IT Consultant	I Mann	R Austin
MILLER Geoffrey Lee	Company Director	S Forsyth	K Brodie
MORRIS Christian John	Company Director	J Fernan	L Stone
MURRAY-PRIOR Thomas Arthur	Company Director	P Gibson	R Glover
POTTER Bradley Keane	Fund Manager	R Glover	R Sanders
RONEY James Balham	Corporate Broker	A Teale	R Glover
SIBRAA Paul Douglas	Periodontist	D Grosberg	R Glover
STEWART John Gerard	Managing Director	M Hanrahan	T Maunsell
SUTTON David Bruce	Company Director	J Sutton	R Glover
THOMPSON Cameron Lindsay	Barrister	M O'Dea	H Harrison
WARNEKE David Ernest	Management Consultant	K Charman	R Glover
WINEERA Ra	Jeweller	J Joris	A Israel
YOUKHANA Thomas Edward	Financial Services Manager	D De Souza	R Glover





# sports

## ski club

Yes... its on again the famous Tattersalls ski week... our 42nd year.

This year our dates are 27th July - 3rd August. We are staying in our regular lodge 'Technology' and Glen and Carlos will again be our chefs. We have the whole booked this year so if you haven't already booked with me then hurry... we have only 6 beds left.

This years cost will be \$800.00 inclusive of gst... we are charging more this year, due to the ski lodge increasing their costs and better wine selection.

April was another busy month in the Snooker Room with the completion of the final three board events of 2001. In the Doubles Championship, the Glen Wilkinson/Adrian Abbott combination proved too strong for Roger Fairbrother and Tony Tomlin. In the Handicap Doubles, Glen joined with Brian Holmes to snare the title from a very gallant Anthony Cummings and John Stewart. Finally, Glen got the trifecta when he took on the great Eddie Charlton in the 2001 Christmas handicap.

With a year like Glen has had, the Snooker Committee has proposed him as our nominee for the Tattersalls Sport Star of the Year.

Due to the ANZAC Day holiday we brought forward the Monthly Lightning Tournament and a large, boisterous crowd cheered on Glen Wilkinson and Cameron Horne to victory. Remember that these nights are usually held on the last Thursday of every month and all members are very welcome.

Finally, the Snooker Committee has been working hard on your behalf in preparing for this year's Snooker Handicap Championship and the Annual Snooker Calcutta dinner to be held on 16 May. Tickets for the competition and the dinner are still available by calling Joe Minici at the Club.

Good snookering

"Chalky"

## Athletic Department Open week

The Athletic Department held its annual Open Week for Members and their guests between April 15th and 19th.

Open Week provided the opportunity for Members and guests to experience different activities while utilising the best training facilities in the CBD and encouraged potential Members to take advantage of the waived \$1,100 joining fee offer which ceased on April 30th.

Aside from the new fitness timetable with packed classes morning, noon and night, Members and guests benefited from the expertise of Cesar Puertolas who provided free podiatry screenings.

Video analysis allowed participants to view how their posture and gait may be related to problems experienced in the knees, hips and back and how these problems could then be corrected with the use of orthotics.

Members were also provided with free massage from John "Signing Fingers" Olander throughout Open Week.

Former Mr Australia Bodybuilding Champion, Darren Vartikian was on hand during the Open Week to provide free kinesiology treatments.

Kinesiology is a natural therapy that balances a person's health by analysing the three components that make up a human being, which are structural, mental and chemical.

Analysis of these components is then achieved through muscle testing with those who received a treatment singing its praises.

Open week also saw Martin Watkins win the newly introduced Tattersalls Squash Championship.

Martin's title is perpetual which means it can be challenged at anytime with the winner keeping the title until it is wrested away by another competitor.

The aim of the Tattersalls Squash Championship is to build up a strong competition with an annual winner to emerge at the end of the year.

Thank you to those Members who introduced their friends and work colleagues to the Athletic Department during Open Week.

## athletic department

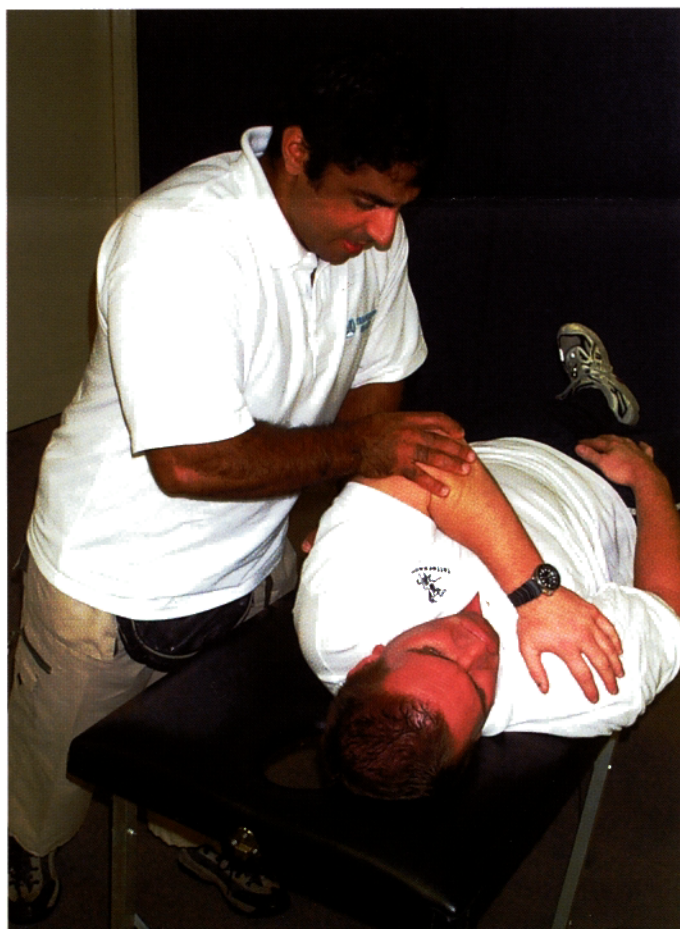
## snooker report



# around the



Where are you at 7 am?  
Harry Turner and his squad are churning up the water. Harry has  
some members now swimming kilometers who could hardly  
make the end of the pool when they began.



The Giants of the Snooker Club

Expert attention





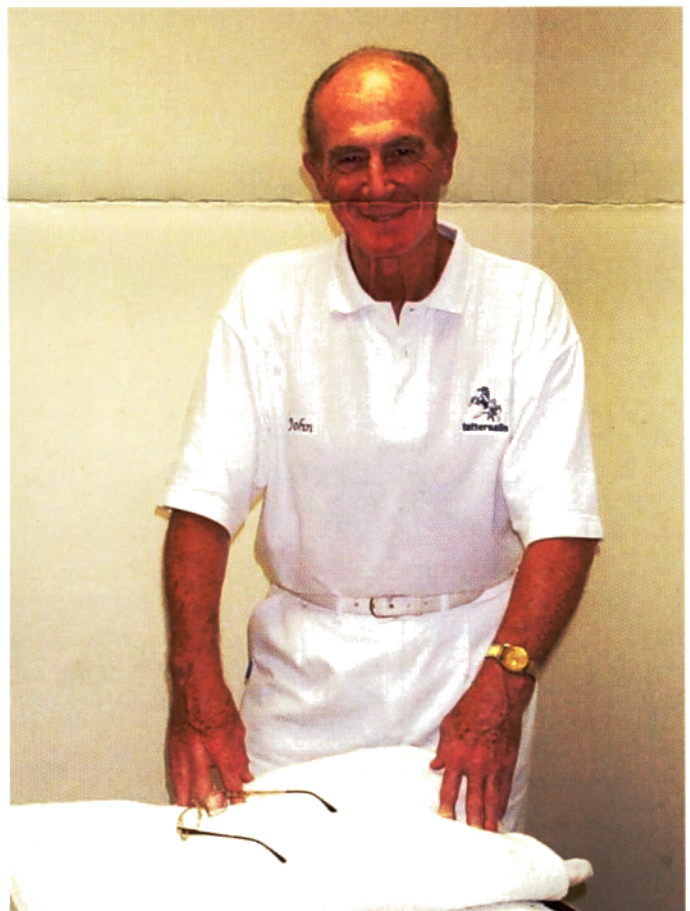
# e club



Ready to take on the World - the A.D. Hitmen



Rugby Guest Speaker



"Next"



# sports



## golf report

Another glorious Autumn day greeted the small but dedicated band of Tattersalls golfers at the very interesting Coast Golf Club.

Local knowledge is a must around this quite spectacular course which winds its way along the cliffs, and it offers spectacular views of the ocean and a beautiful protected beach.

The Honourable Convener had a great round of golf (37 points), teamed well with his partner Mick Bowe (36 points) but ultimately got knocked off in the 4 ball by Richard McGrath's bunch of burglars!!

Committeeman Bob Sanders claimed the long drive award, however it was the shortest long drive ever seen as no one else could hit the fairway!

The individual winner was Nick Lefebvre AGAIN !!

Don't worry, I'll handicap his knees off next game and he won't win again. Nick is obviously getting used to playing under huge sledging conditions as he maintained his composure under great duress. Either that or I'm losing my touch in the sledging department.

Tim, come back, I need someone to break under the pressure.

Again, a fantastic day, a good course in great condition, spectacular scenery, great company, some good and bad golf. It sure beats working!

### Individual Winner

Nick Lefebvre - 39 points (c/b) Nick Lefebvre

Another successful golf day at The Coast

**Runners up** - 39 points - Greg Neher

### Winners 4Ball

48 points - Greg Neher & Chris Langford

**Runners up** - 46 Points - Michael Bowe & John Tierney

### Nearest the Pin

15th Hole - Chris Langford 8th Hole - Ron Foord

**Longest Drive** (by default) - Bob Sanders

All those interested in being reminded by e mail of the next golf game please send your mail address to [jwt@spin.net.au](mailto:jwt@spin.net.au).

Next game is at Kogarah Golf Club on 20th August

However there may be a game at Ryde-Parramatta in June if it can be arranged.

## Don't Miss the next GOLF day

Following our visit to the spectacular Coast Golf Club Little Bay in May, Golf Conveynor John Tierney has booked Kogarah Golf Club for our next game on the 20th August .

Kogarah is a great course alongside the Cook's River at the airport, with a very challenging 550metre par 5 in the layout. Cost is a whopping \$30 with carts about the same.

To book, contact John email him at: [jwt@spin.net.au](mailto:jwt@spin.net.au)

Even if you can't make our next game and you're a golfer, email your address so John can keep you up to date with tempting Tattersalls golf dates.





# travel

## A STAR IS REBORN

With the demise of Ansett, we have compared United Airlines and Air New Zealand Frequent Flyer schemes to show that it's easy to accumulate points, upgrades and obtain free flights on Star Alliance carriers.

BENEFITS OF FREQUENT FLYER PROGRAMME	UNITED AIRLINES - MILEAGE PLUS	AIR NEW ZEALAND - AIR POINTS	COMMENTS
Membership	FREE	FREE if you join on the web <a href="http://www.airnewzealand.com.au">www.airnewzealand.com.au</a> otherwise AU \$55.00	Note United Mileage Plus calculates points earned based on miles flown.
Partner of Star Alliance	Yes PLUS - Aeromar, Aloha Airlines, West Indies Airways, Cayman Airways, Delta AirLines, Emirates, LAPA, Saudi Arabian Airlines and Spanair.	Yes PLUS - Virgin Atlantic	Air NZ calculate points earned based on kms flown.  Car Rental: UA: Earn 50 miles per day of hire.
Credit Card links	None in Australia	<b>American Express</b> \$1 AU spent = 1 Point <b>Diners Club</b> \$1 AU spent = 1 Point <b>Westpac Altitude</b> \$1 AU spent = 1 Point <b>Bankwest Extra Visa</b> 4 Extra points = 1 Point	Air NZ: Earn 200 points per day of hire.  After 2 return flights on Air NZ, you will have enough points for a RETURN. upgrade This is only correct travelling SYD-LA return in Full Economy
Do miles expire?	No, provided you earn/ redeem miles in your account once every 36 months.	Yes, they will expire between 4 and 5 years after you have earned them.	When travelling beyond L.A., United is better because upgrade can be to the East coast.
Extras!	Can buy miles at a rate of US 2.5¢ US per mile, plus tax and processing fee. Conditions Apply.	No	
Points earned per mile/km flown:	EC 100%, Bus 125% First 150% of actual miles flown	Disc. EC 70%, Full. EC 1.0, , Bus 1.25, First 1.5 Air Pts per km.	
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# travel

## SINGAPORE AIRLINES – KRISFLYER

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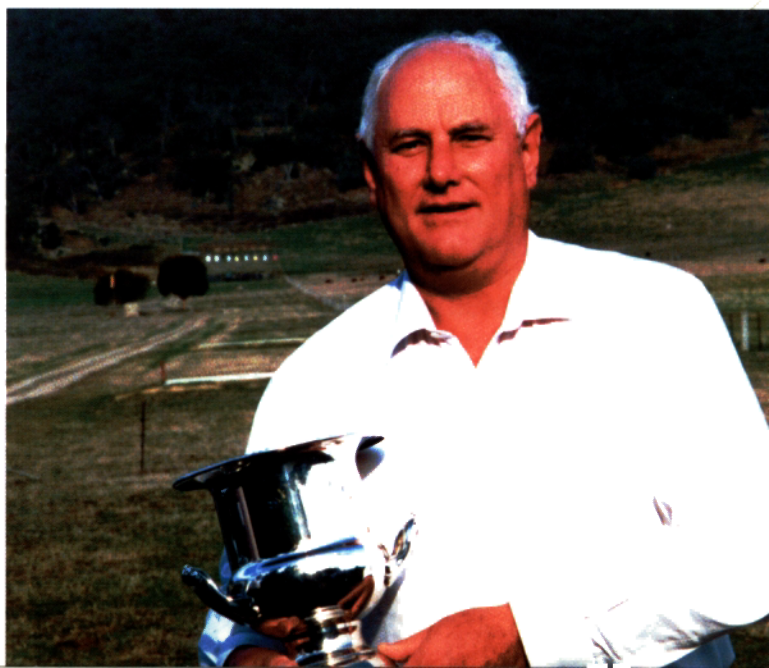
## AIR SPECIALS FOR THE MONTH

- Air New Zealand to Los Angeles, San Francisco or Las Vegas from \$1350.00
- Qantas/British Airways Round the World from \$2250.00
- Lufthansa special to London & Europe via Los Angeles or San Francisco from \$1530.00
- Malaysia Airlines special to Ireland from \$1835.00 during April & May 2002
- Singapore Airlines Business class special to London & Europe from \$5899.00
- Lufthansa special to London & Europe via Singapore/Bangkok or Hong Kong from \$1500.00
- Singapore Airlines Business class special to Singapore from \$2699.00

## ADRIAN DOES IT AGAIN

Club member Adrian Abbott has just won the Australian Long Distance Match Rifle championships, setting an Australian Long Distance record at 1000 yards with 75 out of 75 and 14 out of 15 V-bulls. The gruelling Australian Championships took place over four days at Corryong in the foothills of the Snowy mountains. In the State Teams Match, Adrian set another Australian Record at 1200 yards with 75 out of 75 and 9 out of 15 V-bulls.

Australian International representative Adrian Abbott who was inducted into Tattersalls 'Wall of fame' last year after his World Championship success, with his latest trophy.







John Scheider with prize bull "Tipperary Muztaq"

## HONOURING OUR SENIORS

With a spectacularly successful membership drive for young recruits resulting in many new members enjoying the Club's facilities and friendships, the Committee is also conscious of our debt to our more senior members.

As years pass, it is often difficult for some to make regular use of the Club in a way that can justify the costs of membership, so they reluctantly drift away.

We realise that aligning the Club with modern needs is vital for our survival and the reason for our corporate strength, but a sense of a continuity that stretches back to Colonial times is one of the factors that makes us unique.

For this and many other reasons, there are times when we honour our prominent senior members with a Life Membership. The Committee has named our latest Life Member as the distinguished cattle breeder, John Scheider.

Now succeeded by his sons, John is the sixth member of his family to breed Shorthorns at Tipperary in Northern New South Wales since 1874 (Tattersalls Club had been established 16 years earlier). He was the classic Tattersalls country member and a regular visitor to the club each year when he and his wife attended the Royal Easter Show and has the No2 member ticket to the RAS.

John was State and Federal President of the Beef Shorthorn Society of Australia in the mid 80s and says that old Mr Hordern once named him "Mr Shorthorn".

In his younger days, John was a fine GPS sportsman, coached in athletics by Bro. Stephen at Joeys and although running in spectacles, was the 1954 winner of the Macksville Gift - described as one of Australia's major sporting events - in 10.6 seconds off a handicap of 3 3/4 yards.

John says that he appreciates the honour and thanks a "fine club and staff."

We look forward to seeing him grace the club for many years to come.

## TATTERSALLS - New Brasserie Menu

### ENTREES

- 101 Pambula Rock oysters with chardonnay granita
- 101 Home smoked salmon with toasted brioche & herb & caper salad
- 101 Yellow split pea & ham soup
- 101 Salad of roast pumpkin, rocket, grilled goats cheese & walnut dressing
- 101 Roast quail stuffed with chestnuts on a bed of braised pearl barley

### PASTA & RICE

- 101 Rich tomato risotto topped with grilled provencale vegetables - *Entrée or main*
- 101 Linguini with tomato, chilli, anchovy, olives & basil - *Entrée or main*

### MAINS

- 101 Peppered tuna, pan fried, on a bed of creamed leeks & jus
- 101 Seared scallops with crispy pancetta, pea puree & basil infused cream
- 101 Roast fillet of jewfish on a fennel puree with tomato, saffron & oregano dressing
- 101 Braised veal Osso Bucco served on a bed of swede mash
- 101 Poached breast of chicken wrapped in prosciutto with slow baked tomatoes, rocket & artichokes with a tonnato dressing
- 101 Tattersalls beef, mushroom & red wine pie

### STOCKYARD BEEF

- 101 200g beef tenderloin
  - 101 300g sirloin
  - 101 300g scotch fillet
  - 101 450g t-bone
- (Beef served with roast tomatoes, mushrooms & watercress)

### SAUCES

Café de Paris  
Red Wine  
Bearnaise  
Bacon & Garlic

### POTATOES

Fries  
Mash  
Gratin

### SIDE DISHES

Garlic bread  
Fries  
Salad of spinach, bacon & egg  
Mash  
Rocket & parmesan  
Green beans with balsamic onions





# expertonline

**we question Peter Werner,**

**Blues guitarist · Surfer · Golfer · Snooker and Gym member. Recruitment specialist · Worker for autism. Tattersalls committee nominee.**

## **Where were you brought up?**

Melbourne. I went to Scotch College and played rugby; that meant I could make the 2nds whereas if I'd played Aussie Rules I'd have been in the 15ths.

Then came Melbourne Uni ending up with an odd qualification - B. Comm., majoring in economic history and classical guitar. My music teacher had needed another student to keep his gig at the Conservatorium, so he got me to go to the Con.

## **Who are your guitar heroes?**

I've done some master classes with John Williams - he's almost freakish. He says: "It's easy, do it like this..." then he does it and you can't even see it."

I admire Eric Clapton. Another of my heroes is Joe Walsh who played with the Eagles. He and Keith Richards of the Rolling Stones could take something simple and perfect it!

These days I play blues for my own indulgence. Every year I take the family to Byron Bay, surf and play with silly mates. The band is called Midlife Crisis.

## **After University you got into merchant banking?**

I joined BT where Chris Corrigan was my boss. I learned how tough men think. In 1986 in the cusp of deregulation I was learning the futures trading and money market business when everyone seemed to be going to Sydney. So I followed and joined Citibank.

## **That lead to your own business?**

I found it increasingly hard to find banking/treasury interesting. So I went overseas for four months with my wife - spent all the money- then I met Martin Watkins, now my business partner, who was recruiting at Morgan and Banks. Eventually Martin and I set up Richfield Consulting specialising in recruiting for financial services.

## **How do you see the current finance sector job market?**

It hasn't really recovered post Sept 11 if you're a brickie but if you're a senior person in financial services there are less opportunities than there have been.

## **You're married with children ?**

Andrea, my wife and I have two girls and a young son. Our son was diagnosed as mildly autistic. He's a loving boy and luckily not at the serious end of the scale. As a result of this experience, I have become a director of the Autism



Association of NSW, which has made me admire people like Tim Fisher, our patron, who gave up a career in politics to spend time with his family - it's a judgement we all have to face one day.

## **Do you still play sport?**

When I came to Sydney I went to a second-hand shop and got a long board. It took me a while to get it under control and go surfing at Manly in '86 - we didn't think it was polluted until they installed the ocean outfall

Then there's golf. I joined Long Reef - it's one of those courses that looks really easy from the road but I can't get off 25... it's a mental game and I'm putting more into it this year.

## **When did you join Tattersalls?**

About eight years ago. I was impressed by the facilities, but hadn't counted on such a strong camaraderie. I get to the gym three or four times a week for the boxing classes, we use the restaurant to entertain and I love the snooker. There's nothing better than getting a few male egos in a room, a stick and a ball and money on the table. I'd never anticipated how nervy it can be playing in the match room in a Calcutta.

I almost got to the quarter-finals this year - when you've got to play a difficult game under pressure, with lots of people watching, it's all quiet and there's nowhere to hide.

## **Now you're standing for the committee?**

Yes, I'm currently on the Snooker sub-committee and I'm standing for the club committee.

The club is a great oasis for members, but at the same time you have to be relevant to the outside community. There are so many competing things in Sydney for people's money, time and attention. So we don't want to have a club that's seen as just having a good gym - there are other interest groups like fishing and snooker that can bring guys together and we should develop that aspect.

Our facilities are first class and it's up to us to be making the best use of them - they shouldn't be Sydney's best kept secret.